

CADRE*Number of IAS officers as on .1.3.1992*

1.	2
Tamil Nadu	23
Uttar Pradesh	49
West Bengal	28
Union Territory	28
	473

(b) Uttar Pradesh, which is the largest state cadre has the largest representation at the Centre in Delhi. Sikkim which is the smallest state cadre has the smallest representation at the Centre in Delhi.

Alleged Payment on unused Loan

4455. SHRI NITISH KUMAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal India Limited is paying crores of rupees on unused loan as reported in the Telegraph dated February 6, 1991;

(b) if so, the amount paid every year to the World Bank by Coal India Limited for the last three years as per its commitment;

(c) the reasons therefore;

(d) the reasons for not utilising the loan by the Government as proposed by the World Bank;

(e) whether the Government propose to take action for solving the said problem; and

(f) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA):

(a) to (f). The news item relates to Sonapur Bazari DCP of ECL. In terms of the Laon Agreement for the Coal Mining and Quality Improvement Project of which Sonapur Bazari is a component an amount Rs. 7.32 crores has been paid till now as Commitment Charges. The project has been delayed due to land acquisition problems. After protracted correspondence and discussions with the Government of West Bengal the problem of land acquisition has now been almost overcome except that the rehabilitation of villages required to be shifted immediately is to be completed.

[English]

Office Equipment and Statutory Audit Reports of the Kendriya Bhandar

4456. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether instances of grave irregularities in the matter of purchase of items by the Kendriya Bhandar have come to notice;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the corrective action taken;

(c) whether inflated sales and profits have been shown in the balance sheets by the Bhandar;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor:

(e) whether the Kendriya Bhandar under its bye-laws is not authorised to undertake the business of sale and purchase of office equipment, fax machines, computers, furnitures, etc;

(f) if so, the reasons for violating the bye-laws;

(g) whether the copies of the statutory audit reports of the Bhandar are laid on the table of the House; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). No specific instances regarding grave irregularities in the matter of purchase of items by the Kendriya Bhandar have been mentioned in the main reports of the statutory auditors. However, in their Reports for 1990-91, the Auditors have made general comments regarding monitoring of supplies against purchase orders relating to procurement of spices and pulses. As suggested by the auditors, monitoring of supplies against purchase orders have been streamlined and is now being done by senior officers of the Kendriya Bhandar on a systematic basis.

(c) and (d). The Statutory Auditors for the year 1990-91 have observed that sales of Rs. 47.41 lakhs have been accounted for in March, 1991 whereas the actual delivery of goods was made after 31.3.91 and that sales have been inflated by this amount and accordingly the profits have been overstated by Rs. 3.31 lakhs (approximately). A similar observation was made by the statutory auditors for the year 1989-90. The Board of Directors and the body of delegates and the Annual General Meeting of the Kendriya Bhandar held in January, 1991 have laid

down a policy in this regard clarifying that sales effected in March every year and against which goods are delivered by May, may be included in the accounts for that year. The sales of Rs. 47.41 lakhs in March, 1991 are essentially in respect of goods delivered by May, 1991 and therefore as per the laid down Policy are to be accounted for in the accounts for 1990-91.

(e) and (f). The Kendriya Bhandar is authorised to undertake the business of Sale and Purchases of Office equipments, Fax machines, Computers, furniture, etc.

(g) and (h). The audited accounts of Kendriya Bhandar are laid on the Table of parliament as per statutory requirement.

[Translation]

Prices of Polyester Yarn

4458. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of Polyester Yarn were raised approximately by 30 per cent in July-August 1991;

(b) if so, whether its main reason was devaluation of rupee; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c). There is no statutory price control on the prices of Polyester Yarn. The market prices are published from time to time in various journals. Changes in prices are based on market considerations.

Import/Export of Fertilizers

4459. SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: